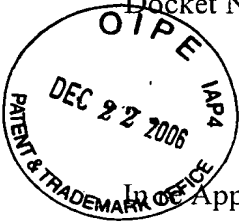


Docket No.: 163-678



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT OPERATIONS

In Office Application of:

Fabrizio Castoldi

Serial No.: 10/565,337

Filed: January 19, 2006

)
) Group Art Unit: --
) Examiner: --
)

For: **MACHINE FOR CUTTING AND TRITURATING GRASS AND OTHER
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS**

New York, NY 10036
December 20, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR REFUND

SIR:

The subject application was filed without a claim to small entity status, even though the applicant was at all times entitled to claim small entity status under 37CFR§1.9.

For this reason, it is requested that one-half of the filing fee of \$1,260.00 be refunded.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James V. Costigan".

James V. Costigan
Registration No. 25,669

Customer No. 47888
HEDMAN & COSTIGAN, P.C.
1185 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036-2646
(212) 302-8989

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on : December 20, 2006

James V. Costigan, Registration No. 25,669